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AFDROUGHT

SUBJECT: U.S. GRAIN ALLOCATIONS TO THE SAHEL

REF: A. STATE 71780

B. STATE 71110

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1. ALTHOUGH WFP WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO GAMBIA GOVERNMENT REQUEST, DO NOT DETECT OVER CONCERN WITH EMERGENCY ASPECTS SITUATION IN GAMBIA AND WFP APPARENTLY HAS NO INTENTION PURSUING FURTHER. THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF PROSPECTIVE BELGIAN HELP IS THAT IT WOULD BE "DIRECTED PLEDGE" E.E. BILATERAL GRANT WITH WFP SERVICE ASSISTANCE, BUT NO RECENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION ON WHETHER IT WILL MATERIALIZE (REF C.). PERHAPS

BRUSSELS CAN HELP.

2. OSRO ALSO SHOWING NO GREAT CONCERN OVER GAMBIA SITUATION AND AGREES PRIORITIES FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS ARE MALI, NIGER AND MAURITANIA. THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS (A) ASIDE FROM U.S., ABOUT 67,000 TONS "COMMITMENTS" REMAINS UNALLOCATED BY COUNTRY. DECISIONS AND ACTIONS RESPECT UNALLOCATED COMMITMENTS (SEE REF: D) PARTICULARLY FRANCE AND EEC BUT ALSO SMALLER DONORS WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE BEARING ON RELATIONSHIP COMMITMENTS AND NEEDS FOR EACH COUNTRY. CANADIAN FIGURES ALSO SUBJECT CHANGE. (B) PARTICULARLY FOR NIGER (SEE SEPTTEL) THERE IS BIG PROBLEM UPCOMING MONTHS GETTING SUPPLIES ALREADY COMMITTED TO NIGER FROM NIGERIAN PORTS, AND IN ALL THREE A MAJOR PROBLEM IN INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION.

3. WITH RESPECT FY 75 ALLOCATIONS, OSRO IS WORKING ON "BUFFER STOCKS" CONCEPT AND WILL HAVE A PLAN BEFORE LONG. FYI IN DISCUSSIONS CANADIAN REPS LAST WEEK, FACING PROSPECT OF GRAIN ALLOCATIONS APPROXIMATING 60,000 TONS, OSRO RECOMMENDED 46,000 "FOR IMMEDIATE USE" AND (FIGURES IN THOUSAND TONS) 14. FOR BUFFER STOCKS, 2 MAURITANIA, 6 EACH MALI AND NIGER. IMMEDIATE USE PROPOSALS WERE MAURITANIA 10, SENEGAL 3, MALI 8, UPPER VOLTA 6, NIGER 15, CHAD 4. THESE STILL TENTATIVE BUT MAY BE COMPARED OSRO COMMITMENTS TABLES FORWARDED EARLIER (REF D). VOLPE

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